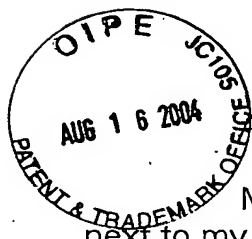


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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

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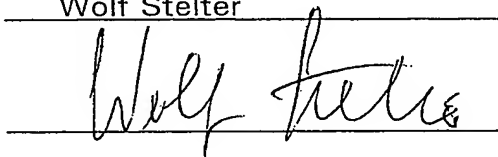
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